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Amity Man Sentenced on Federal Firearms Charge

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Marlin Hostetler**, 29, of Amity, Maine, was sentenced on January 2, 2008 to 33 months imprisonment and 3 years supervised release, for Possession of a Firearm After a Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Conviction. Hostetler pleaded guilty on January 25, 2007.

Court records reveal that in 2003 Hostetler was convicted of assault against his wife. Because of that fact, he was prohibited from possessing firearms. In September 2006, Hostetler was found in possession of a 12 gauge Winchester 1200 shotgun which he wielded during an altercation at his residence.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Maine State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Eastern Maine Violent Crime Task Force.

The Department of Justice developed a national initiative known as Project Safe Neighborhoods, aimed at combating gun violence in Maine. As part of this program, prosecutions such as this are made possible through the hard work and collaboration of state and federal agencies.

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